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- 1	INVENTOR(S)/APPLICANT(S)
	Lal et al.
	TITLE OF THE INVENTION
	HUMAN REGULATORY MOLECULES
This (CP	s is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application A)) of prior application number <u>09/840,787</u> , filed on <u>September 26, 2001</u> .
	Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on, under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
	This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(d), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are named as inventors in the prior nonprovisional application but are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:
,	Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of month(s) (not to exceed 3 months).
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X	Preliminary Amendment (26 pp.).
X	Seven (7) References;
X	Delcaration of Tod Bedilion (17 pp.); and
X	Ten (10) Exhibits (Tabs A-J).

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Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to be timely, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time; and to charge all required fees, including fees under 37CFR 1.16, 1.17, and all required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 09-0108. This sheet is enclosed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R.§ 1.132 BY TOD BEDILION FILED WITH CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST, which is filed following the Final Office Action dated September 12, 2002. This Continuing Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) is being filed in lieu of a Response to Final Office Action.

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed to present clear and convincing evidence of the utility of the instant invention as well as arguments to overcome the other rejections set forth in the Final Office Action of September 12, 2002. This paper provides arguments in support of the patentability of the instant claims. Also submitted herewith is a Declaration of Tod Bedilion which provides additional evidence supporting the patentability of the claimed subject matter. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

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